GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HOME GUARDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Home Guards Officers in Delhi as on October 31, 2002;

(b) the details of the salary and other facilities provided to the Home Guards and the rules and regulation being followed for their recruitment and other service matters;

(c) the number of posts vacant at present and the number of persons likely to be recruited alongwith the time by which the appointment letters are likely to be issued to the persons so recruited;

(d) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the corruption at large in these recruitments; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check the corruption?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): There were as on 31st October, 2002, 3001 Volunteers on the rolls of Home Guards Organization in Delhi.

(b): The Home Guards Organization in Delhi was established under the Bombay Home Guards Act, 1947 as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi as a voluntary body for performance of such functions and duties connected with protection of persons, the security of property and the public safety as may be assigned to them in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned Act and the Rules framed thereunder.

The Home Guards in Delhi are paid Duty Allowance @Rs.90/-per duty of 8 hours; Conveyance allowance @Rs.10/- per day and Washing Allowance @Rs.3/- for seven duties. In addition, the following facilities have been extended to them:

(i) Uniform free of cost;

(ii) Financial assistance from Delhi Home Guards Welfare & Benevolent Fund;

(iii) Insurance cover of Rs.1.00 lakh under Group Personal Accident Policy; and

(iv) Ex-gratia payment in case of death/injury while on active duty.

(c): The Home Guards Volunteers are not recruited against any civil post under the Government.Delhi Home Guards Organization, however, has a sanctioned strength of 10285 such Volunteers, of whom 1543 are in position at present. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has initiated steps to enrol 3000 more Volunteers. The recruitment process is in the final stage of its completion.

(d)&(e): There have been from time to time isolated complaints of alleged corruption in the recruitment of the Home Guards Volunteers. However, in order to make the recruitment process fair and transparent, the scheme of the recruitment has been made objective by allotment of fixed marks for specified attributes. Besides, it has been decided to conduct the written examination by an outside agency.